

App. No. 09/927,096
Amendment Dated: June 22, 2007
Reply to Office Action of March 22, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have amended as set forth above to clarify certain features of the claims. Claims 2-3, 6 and 29-36 are cancelled. Applicants assert that the claims are allowable as set forth herein. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

I. Examiner Interview Dated June 14, 2007

An interview was held on June 14, 2007. During the interview, claims 1, 2 and 3 were discussed. The 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection was also discussed. Applicants' understanding of the meeting was that if the features of claims 2 and 3 were incorporated into the independent claims, the independent claims would include allowable subject matter. Applicants have incorporated the features of claims 2 and 3 into the independent claims. Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-5 and 13-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1-5 and 13-36 have been amended to recite a "computer-readable storage medium." Accordingly, applicants believe that the rejection has been overcome.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6, 7-10, 13-16, 18-20, 21-22, 24-28, 29, and 32-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,058,626 issued to Pan et al. (hereinafter "Pan") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,327,590 issued to Chidlovskii et al. (hereinafter "Chidlovskii"). Claims 4-5, 11-12, 17, 23 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pan in view of Chidlovskii and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,430,552 issued to Corston-Oliver (hereinafter "Corston-Oliver"). The claims have been amended as set forth above to include features discussed during the recent interview. Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

With regard to the dependent claims, the dependent claims include features not taught or suggested by the cited references. Moreover, those claims ultimately depend from the

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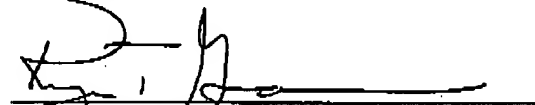
independent claims. As such, that are thought allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above.

IV. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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